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Attorney Docket No.	38-21(51770)B
First Inventor	Fincher, Karen L.
Title	NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND OTHER MOLECULES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANTS
Express Mail Label No.	EL032544180US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
  2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
  3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages (preferred arrangement set forth below)
    - Descriptive title of the invention
    - Cross References to Related Applications
    - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R and D
    - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix
    - Background of the Invention
    - Brief Summary of the Invention
    - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
    - Detailed Description
    - Claim(s)
    - Abstract of the Disclosure
  4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets   - 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages   - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☒ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☒ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☒ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet -document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document (s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment  
or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Application Information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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## 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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On re application of:

**Karen L. Fincher**

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with Plants

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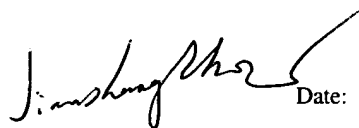
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Date:

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TRANSMITTAL OF NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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*Box Patent Application*

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the complete patent application of :

**Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**

Inventors: Karen L. Fincher

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05);
2. Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**

and naming as inventors:


Karen L. FINCHER

the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - (i) 67 pages of a description prior to the claims;
  - (ii) 1 pages of claims (9 claims); and
  - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
4. The computer readable form (CRF) containing the sequence listing information;
5. 2 CD-Rs (Copy 1, Copy 2) containing the Sequence Listing;
6. Statement Regarding Sequence Submission;
7. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by inventor Karen L. Fincher (3 pages);
8. Form PTO/SB/35
9. An Information Disclosure Statement;
10. Form PTO-1449 (1 page), with 8 accompanying documents; and
11. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached prepaid postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned to us as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor

Karen L. Fincher

Title

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated With Plants

Atty Docket Number

38-21(51770)B

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

December 8, 2000

Date

Jian S. Zhou

Signature

Jian S. Zhou, Reg.No. 41,422

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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First Named Inventor	Fincher, Karen L.
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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee description	
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	710
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 710)

**EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	9 - 20** = -11	X 18	= 0
Independent Claims	3 - 3** = 0	X 80	= 0
Multiple Dependent		270	= 0

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid	
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	0
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	0
112	920*	112	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	0
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	0
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	0
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	0
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0
121	260	221	150	Request for Oral hearing	0
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	0
144	430	243	215	Plant issue fee	0
122	130	122	130	Petitions to commissioner	0
123	50	123	50	Processing under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	0
126	240	126	240	Submission of information Disclosure Statement	0
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	0
146	690	246	345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR §1.129(a))	0
149	690	249	345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR §1.129(b))	0
179	690	279	345	Request for continued Examination (RCE)	0
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	0

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